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Mark Schneider
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Rights
U. S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Dear Mr. Schneider:

I am writing to you to express the warm appreciation of the Cornell University Physics Department to the Department of State for its efforts in gaining the release from prison of Ms. Elena Sevilla, a young Argentinian physicist. Ms. Sevilla and her son are now residing in Ithaca, and Ms. Sevilla has resumed her work in physics in our department.

While both national and local organizations participated in the effort to gain Ms. Sevilla's freedom, it is quite clear that the active support of our government was indispensable. I do hope you will express our appreciation to all members of your staff who participated in this endeavor.

Yours truly,

D. B. Fitch

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Chairman

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